ATTENTION BEAR HUNTERS



with Automated License Data System (ALDS) bear tag.

Information received from bear tags and bear teeth is used to evaluate the status of the state's bear population and to develop future hunting regulations. Please take the time to become familiar with the mammal hunting regulations and carefully complete all portions of your bear tag. Our goal is to provide a healthy, huntable, bear population for the future.

All bear hunters are required to return their bear tags **whether or not they are successful.** If you are unsuccessful in killing a bear, please answer all of the questions on the bear tag. The information we receive from unsuccessful bear hunters is important. The Department of Fish and Game will close the bear hunting season immediately if it determines that 1,700 bears have been taken. This includes bears harvested in the archery season. For your convenience, here is a summary of the 2010 hunting regulations. You should be familiar with all game laws prior to hunting.

BEAR SEASONS FOR 2010

ARCHERY: August 21, 2010 - September 12, 2010

GENERAL: General bear season opens concurrently with general deer season in the A, B, C, D, X8, X9A, X9B, X10 and X12 deer hunting zones. See 2010 California Mammal Hunting Regulations for opening dates. In the remaining deer hunting X zones, bear season begins October 9, 2010.

Bear season will close on December 26, 2010 OR

When the Department determines that 1,700 bears have been reported taken.

FOR DAILY UPDATES ON REPORTED BEAR HARVEST, CALL TOLL-FREE (888) 277-6398 OR VISIT

www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/bear/ harvest.html

MANDATORY PRESENTATION OF BEAR SKULL

Any person who takes a bear shall present the skull (even if damaged) to a Department office/officer within 10 days of taking the bear. The skull shall become property of the Department. The portion of the skull not needed for scientific purposes will be returned. (Section 367.5, Title 14, of the CCR)

IMPORTANT! Place a stick in the bear's jaws so that the mouth remains open. Do <u>not</u> present frozen skulls to have their premolar removed. The premolars break easily when the skull is frozen.

TO SAVE TIME, PLEASE CALL AHEAD BEFORE BRINGING YOUR BEAR SKULL TO A DEPARTMENT OFFICE.

If your document number (number after the dash) ends in an odd number (1,3,5,7,9), we need a tooth from your bear. You will be notified of the age of the bear you harvested in the fall/winter of 2011. The premolar tooth will be processed by cutting it in cross section and examining it under a microscope. The bear's age can then be determined by counting the annual growth rings.

USE THIS NUMBER TO DETERMINE IF YOUR BEAR TOOTH WILL BE PULLED (Ends in 1,3,5,7,9)

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BEAR TAG
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All tag holders must submit a harvest report. Harvest report may be realled to:
DPG Widdle Branch, P.O. Box 944090, Secramento, CA 94290- 0002 Hunters may also summader the report card to Department employee at time of reliabilities. Unreadered the interest shall sabral harvest report by Pobrasiny 1 of the current learnes year.
KILL INFORMATION
DATETIME:AM PM
Distance and Direction from Nearest Landmark
KILLED ON: O PRINATE LAND O PUBLIC LAND
NUMBER OF DAYS SPENT HUNTING BEAR:
METHOD OF TAKE:
ANIMAL GENDER: O MALE O PENALE
IF GUIDE WAS USED, ENTER GUIDES LICENSE
NUMBER
DID YOU USE DOSS WHILE HUNTING: O YES O NO
BEAR TAKEN WHILE DEER HUNTING: O YES O NO
Cut Along Line To Separate When Attaching Tag To Animal

BEAR TAG VALIDATION AND TOOTH EXTRACTION

If you kill a bear, you must have the tag countersigned (validated) by a **Department of Fish and Game employee.** Bear tags must be validated prior to transporting the bear, except for the purpose of taking the bear to the nearest person authorized to validate the tag en route to your home from the point where the bear was taken. The report card portion must be returned immediately after tag validation.

If you cannot locate a DFG employee, please call one of the offices listed below and they will provide assistance.

All Department of Fish and Game offices will validate bear tags.

At the following locations you do not need an appointment to have your bear tag validated and/or your tooth pulled.

REDDING	(530) 225-2300
RANCHO CORDOVA (SACRAMENTO)	(916) 358-2900
YOUNTVILLE	, ,
FRESNO	(559) 243-4005
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Field Offices

EUREKA	(707) 445-6493
CRYSTAL LAKE HATCHERY	(530) 335-4111
DARRAH SPRINGS HATCHERY	(530) 474-3141
IRON GATE HATCHERY	(530) 475-3420
MT. SHASTA HATCHERY	(530) 926-2215
TRINITY RIVER HATCHERY	(530) 778-3931
FEATHER RIVER HATCHERY	(530) 538-2222
WARM SPRINGS HATCHERY	(707) 433-6325
KERN RIVER HATCHERY	(760) 376-2846
MERCED RIVER HATCHERY	(209) 563-6401
MOCCASIN HATCHERY	(209) 989-2312

Please call the following locations for an appointment to have your bear tag validated and/or your tooth pulled.

RED BLUFF SCREEN SHOPSHASTA VALLEY WILDLIFE AREA	
YREKA SCREEN SHOP	
MENDOTA WILDLIFE AREA	(559) 655-4645
ONTARIO	(909) 484-0167
LOS BANOS WILDLIFE AREA	
SAN DIEGO	(858) 467-4201
MOKELUMNE RIVER HATCHERY	(209) 759-3383
MONTEREY	(831) 649-2870
BISHOP	
LA GRANGE	(209) 853-2533
LOS ALAMITOS	

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Whether or not you were successful, all bear tags must be returned to the Department of Fish and Game no later than February 1, 2011. If you fail to return your 2010 bear tag, even if you did not kill a bear, you will be in violation of Section 708(e), Title 14, CCR.

Dogs: If you use dogs in a successful bear hunt, you must indicate this in the space provided on your bear tag.

Guides: If you use a guide, the guide must give you his guide license number and describe the services to be performed

before the hunting trip. You must put your guide's license

number on your bear tag.

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO SEE THAT ALL EDIBLE PORTIONS OF YOUR BEAR ARE REMOVED FROM THE WOODS. CALIFORNIA LAW PROHIBITS WASTE OF MEAT. DISCUSS THIS WITH YOUR GUIDE PRIOR TO HUNTING.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- It is illegal to sell bear parts in California. However, you have the right to retain any and all parts of the bear you take, except the skull which becomes the property of the Department.
- The use of more than one dog per licensed hunter for bear hunting is prohibited in areas where the general deer season is open. A single dog may be used for bear hunting during this period, and an unlimited number of dogs may be used after the close of the general deer season.
- You cannot pursue bears with dogs unless you have a valid, unused bear tag in your possession. However, a hunter who does not have a bear tag may be in the field with a hunter who does have a valid bear tag in possession. The hunter possessing the tag may use your dogs. If you do not have a valid, unused, bear tag you may not possess a firearm, archery gear, crossbow, or other weapon capable of killing or capturing a bear while accompanying a hunter in the act of taking a bear.
- The use of dog retrieval collars equipped with functioning treeing switches or global positioning systems are prohibited.
 Treeing switches change transmitted signals from the radio collar when a dog raises its head to a treed animal.

POACHING



THE ILLEGAL TAKE OF BLACK BEARS AFFECTS ALL CALIFORNIANS. If you have witnessed a poaching incident or any fish or wildlife violation or have information about such a violation, dial the toll-free Department of Fish and Game phone number 1-(888)-334-2258. You may call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

- You need not give your name and you won't be asked to testify.
- If your information leads to an arrest, you may receive a reward of up to \$1,000.00.
- Remember, the future of bear hunting in California depends on you.